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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITORIAL  
TH SDAY SEPTEMBER 23 HEADED "EXPORTED VIOLENCE."

2. NO ONE CAN SAY FOR SURE AT THIS STAGE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING DEATHS TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON OF ORLANDO LETELIER, A CHILEAN EXILE, AND ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES, RONNIE KARPEN MOFFITT. THE IMMEDIATE SUPPOSITION BY MANY WAS THAT THE CHILEAN SECRET POLICE ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS DINA, WAS TO BLAME.

3. THAT ASSUMPTION IS NOT WITHOUT LOGIC. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PRESENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND ALLENDE SUPPORTERS HAS CONTINUED OUTSIDE, AS WELL AS INSIDE, CHILE'S BORDERS SINCE MR. ALLENDE WAS OVERTHROWN. MR. LETELIER HAD BEEN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. UNDER THE ALLENDE REGIME.

4. BUT WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EXPLOSION THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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DEMOLISHED MR. LETELIER'S CAR, IT IS PART OF A DISTURBING

TREND. IT SUGGESTS THAT HARD-LINE TERRORISTS OR SECRET POLICEMEN ARE PENETRATING INTO THE U.S. TO COMMIT DESPICA-

BLE CRIMES. WE OURSELVES HAVE NOT AGREED WITH MR. LETELIER'S INTERPRETATIONS OF HOW CHILE CAME TO ITS PRESENT TURMOIL, BUT THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS A VIOLENT MAN. HE HAD MADE NUMEROUS FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS DIPLOMATIC TOUR AND HAD BEEN EXTRICATED FROM THE HANDS OF THE PRESENT REGIME THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER.

5. THE LATEST BOMBING IS BUT ONE OF A SERIES. A NEW YORK POLICEMAN WAS KILLED RECENTLY BY A BOMB THAT HAD BEEN PLANTED IN A LOCKER NEAR GRAND CENTRAL STATION. FIVE "CROATIAN NATIONALISTS," ARRESTED AFTER THEY HIJACKED A TWA AIRLINER, HAVE BEEN INDICTED IN THE CASE. AT LEAST FOUR EXPLOSIONS IN WASHINGTON, PRIOR TO THE LATEST ONE, HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS EXTRA-TERRITORIAL QUARRELS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

6. IT IS CLEARLY EVIDENT ALL AROUND THE WORLD THAT THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY IS DIFFICULT TO CONTROL. IT IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN AN OPEN SOCIETY, SUCH AS THE U.S., WHICH ACTS AS A MAGNET FOR EXILES AND EXPATRIATES WHO COME HERE TO ESPOUSE VIEWS AND ARGUMENTS THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VOICE IN THEIR NATIVE LANDS.

7. THAT IS THE KIND OF SOCIETY WE WANT. AMERICANS ARE NOT, AND NEED NOT BE AFRAID OF CONTESTS OF IDEAS. BUT WHEN THE CONTEST BECOMES VIOLENT, AN OPEN SOCIETY IS ITSELF THREATENED. THERE IS NO BETTER ARGUMENT THAN THIS FOR SEEING TO IT THAT AMERICAN SECURITY AGENCIES, IN PARTICULAR THE FBI, CONTINUE TO HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED FOR MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE OVER THOSE PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO BRING THEIR QUARRELS TO OUR SHORES. (END TEXT.) ROBINSON

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